

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computerized method for information handling  
2 ~~within an operating system~~, comprising:  
3 ~~providing a record retrieval program;~~  
4 providing an input device ~~within a window or screen of the operating system and~~  
5 configured to enter an execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and  
6 remote information sources using a computer program ~~the record retrieval program~~;  
7 using said computer program ~~record retrieval program~~ to enter first information  
8 into search fields provided in said computer program ~~record retrieval program~~;  
9 entering the execute command using the input device after the step of entering the  
10 first information;  
11 searching, using the computer program ~~record retrieval program~~, directly the local  
12 and remote information sources for second information associated with the first informa-  
13 tion;  
14 comparing the second information retrieved from the local information source  
15 with second information retrieved from the remote information source; and  
16 displaying the second information from at least one of the local and remote in-  
17 formation sources ~~in said record retrieval program~~, when one of the local and remote in-  
18 formation sources includes second information associated with the first information.

1 2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
2 storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-  
3 tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information  
4 sources during said searching step; ~~and~~  
5 ~~wherein said displaying step, includes,~~  
6 ~~marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-~~  
7 ~~tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-~~

8 ~~formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-~~  
9 ~~formation sources,~~  
10 ~~marking the second information found in the local information source as inconsis-~~  
11 ~~tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-~~  
12 ~~formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information~~  
13 ~~source, and~~  
14 ~~displaying the marked second information in said record retrieval program.~~

1 3. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
2 providing a user the option of making changes to the second information directly  
3 in the local information source.

1 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 1, wherein:  
2 the step of using said computer program ~~record retrieval program~~ comprises using  
3 said computer program ~~record retrieval program~~ to enter first information comprising at  
4 least one of a name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email address, or a  
5 part thereof, into said computer program ~~retrieval program~~; and  
6 the step of searching comprises searching, using the computer program ~~record re-~~  
7 ~~trieval program~~, the local and remote information sources for second information com-  
8 prising at least one of a name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email ad-  
9 dress, associated with the first information.

1 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 1, wherein:  
2 the step of providing an input device comprises providing one of a touch screen, a  
3 keyboard button, an icon, a menu and a voice command device, configured to enter an  
4 execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information  
5 sources using the computer program ~~record retrieval program~~; and

6 the step of displaying the second information comprises displaying the second in-  
7 formation comprising one of displaying ~~a message screen with~~ the second information  
8 and providing a voiced response of the second information.

1 6. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing an input de-  
2 vice comprises:

3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates  
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources comprising at least one of a  
5 file, a database, a database program, a computer network, and a contact management pro-  
6 gram, using the record retrieval program.

1 7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer system configured to perform the  
2 steps recited in any one of Claims 1-6.

1 8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A storage medium storing a program for per-  
2 forming the steps recited in any one of Claims 1-6.

1 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 31 2, further comprising:  
2 providing a user the option of making changes to he second information directly in the  
3 local information source.

1 10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 31 2, wherein:  
2 the step of using said computer program ~~record retrieval program~~ comprises using  
3 said computer program ~~record retrieval program~~ to enter first information comprising at  
4 least one of a name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email address, or a  
5 part thereof, into said computer ~~retrieval~~ program; and

6 the step of searching comprises searching, using the computer program record re-  
7 trieval program, the local and remote information sources for second information com-  
8 prising at least one of a name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email ad-  
9 dress, associated with the first information.

1 11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 31 2, wherein:

2 the step of providing an input device comprises providing one of a touch screen, a  
3 keyboard button, an icon, a menu and a voice command device, configured to enter an  
4 execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information  
5 sources using the computer program record retrieval program; and

6 the step of displaying the second information comprises displaying the second in-  
7 formation comprising one of displaying ~~a message screen with~~ the second information  
8 and providing a voiced response of the second information.

1 12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 31 2, wherein the step of  
2 providing an input device comprises:

3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates  
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources comprising at least one of a  
5 file, a database, a database program, a computer network, and a contact management pro-  
6 gram, using the computer program record retrieval program.

1 13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 3, wherein:

2 the step of using said computer program record retrieval program comprises using  
3 said computer program record retrieval program to enter first information comprising at  
4 least one of a name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email address, or a  
5 part thereof, into said computer program retrieval program; and

6 the step of searching comprises searching, using the computer program record re-  
7 trieval program, the local and remote information sources for second information com-

8 prising at least one of a name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email ad-  
9 dress, associated with the first information.

1 14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 3, wherein:  
2 the step of providing an input device comprises providing one of a touch screen, a  
3 keyboard button, an icon, a menu and a voice command device, configured to enter an  
4 execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information  
5 sources using the computer program ~~record retrieval program~~; and  
6 the step of displaying the second information comprises displaying the second in-  
7 formation comprising one of displaying ~~a message screen with~~ the second information  
8 and providing a voiced response of the second information.

1 15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 3, wherein the step of pro-  
2 viding an input device comprises:  
3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates  
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources comprising at least one of a  
5 file, a database, a database program, a computer network, and a contact management pro-  
6 gram, using the computer program ~~record retrieval program~~.

1 16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 4, wherein:  
2 the step of providing an input device comprises providing one of a touch screen, a  
3 keyboard button, an icon, a menu and a voice command device, configured to enter an  
4 execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information  
5 sources using the computer program ~~record retrieval program~~; and  
6 the step of displaying the second information comprises displaying the second in-  
7 formation comprising one of displaying ~~a message screen with~~ the second information  
8 and providing a voiced response of the second information.

1 17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 4, wherein the step of pro-  
2 viding an input device comprises:

3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates  
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources comprising at least one of a  
5 file, a database, a database program, a computer network, and a contact management pro-  
6 gram, using the computer program ~~record retrieval program~~.

1 18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of pro-  
2 viding an input device comprises:

3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates  
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources comprising at least one of a  
5 file, a database, a database program, a computer network, and a contact management pro-  
6 gram, using the computer program ~~record retrieval program~~.

1 19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 6, further comprising:

2 storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-  
3 tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information  
4 sources during said searching step; and

5 wherein said displaying step, includes,

6 marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-  
7 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
8 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-  
9 formation sources,

10 marking the second information found in the local information source as inconsis-  
11 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
12 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information  
13 source, and

14 displaying the marked second information ~~in said record retrieval program~~.

- 1     20.     (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 6, further comprising:  
2             providing a user the option of making changes to the second information directly  
3     in the local information source.
- 1     21.     (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 6, wherein:  
2             the step of using said computer program record retrieval program comprises using  
3     said computer program record retrieval program to enter first information comprising at  
4     least one of a name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email address, or a  
5     part thereof, into said computer program retrieval program; and  
6             the step of searching comprises searching, using the computer program record re-  
7     trieval program, the local and remote information sources for second information com-  
8     prising at least one of a name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email ad-  
9     dress, associated with the first information.
- 1     22.     (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 6, wherein:  
2             the step of providing an input device comprises providing one of a touch screen, a  
3     keyboard button, an icon, a menu and a voice command device, configured to enter an  
4     execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information  
5     sources using the computer program record retrieval program; and  
6             the step of displaying the second information comprises displaying the second in-  
7     formation comprising one of displaying a ~~message screen with~~ the second information  
8     and providing a voiced response of the second information.
- 1     23.     (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 5, further comprising:  
2             storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-  
3     tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information  
4     sources during said searching step; and  
5             wherein said displaying step, includes,  
6             marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-  
7     tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-

8 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-  
9 formation sources,  
10 marking the second information found in the local information source as inconsis-  
11 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
12 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information  
13 source, and  
14 displaying the marked second information ~~in said record retrieval program~~.

1 24. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 5, further comprising:  
2 providing a user the option of making changes to the second information directly in the  
3 local information source.

1 25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 5, wherein:  
2 the step of using said computer program record retrieval program comprises using  
3 said computer program record retrieval program to enter first information comprising at  
4 least one of a name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email address, or a  
5 part thereof, into said computer program retrieval program; and  
6 the step of searching comprises searching, using the computer program record re-  
7 trieval program, the local and remote information sources for second information com-  
8 prising at least one of a name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email ad-  
9 dress, associated with the first information.

1 26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 4, further comprising:  
2 storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-  
3 tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information  
4 sources during said searching step; and  
5 wherein said displaying step, includes,  
6 marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-  
7 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-



8 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-  
9 formation sources,

10 marking the second information found in the local information source as inconsis-  
11 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
12 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information  
13 source, and

14 displaying the marked second information ~~in said record retrieval program.~~

1 27. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 4, further comprising:

2 providing a user the option of making changes to the second information directly  
3 in the local information source.

1 28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 3, further comprising:

2 storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-  
3 tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information  
4 sources during said searching step; and

5 wherein said displaying step, includes,

6 marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-  
7 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
8 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-  
9 formation sources,

10 marking the second information found in the local information source as inconsis-  
11 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
12 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information  
13 source, and

14 displaying the marked second information ~~in said record retrieval program.~~

1 29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computerized method for information handling

2 ~~within an operating system,~~ comprising:

3       ~~providing a record retrieval program;~~  
4       providing an input device ~~within a window or screen of the operating system and~~  
5       configured to enter an execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and  
6       remote information sources using ~~the a computer program record retrieval program;~~  
7       using said record retrieval program to enter first information into search fields  
8       provided in said computer program ~~record retrieval program;~~  
9       entering the execute command using the input device after the step of entering the  
10      first information;  
11      searching, using the computer program ~~record retrieval program~~, directly the local  
12      and remote information sources for second information associated with the first informa-  
13      tion;  
14      displaying the second information from at least one of the local and remote in-  
15      formation sources in said computer program ~~record retrieval program~~, when one of the  
16      local and remote information sources includes second information associated with the  
17      first information;  
18      storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-  
19      tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information  
20      sources during said searching step; and  
21      wherein said displaying step, includes,  
22      marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-  
23      tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
24      formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-  
25      formation sources and is consistent,  
26      marking the second information found in the local information source as inconsis-  
27      tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
28      formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information  
29      source or if second information is found in both the local and remote information sources  
30      and is inconsistent, and  
31      displaying the marked second information ~~in said record retrieval program.~~

1 30. (New) A computer readable medium for information handling, the computer read-  
2 able medium including program instructions for performing the steps of:  
3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates  
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources using a computer program;  
5 using said computer program to enter first information into search fields provided  
6 in said computer program;  
7 entering the execute command using the input device after the step of entering the  
8 first information;  
9 searching, using the computer program, directly the local and remote information  
10 sources for second information associated with the first information;  
11 comparing the second information retrieved from the local information source  
12 with second information retrieved from the remote information source; and  
13 displaying the second information from at least one of the local and remote in-  
14 formation, when one of the local and remote information sources includes second infor-  
15 mation associated with the first information.

1 31. (New) A computer readable medium for information handling, the computer read-  
2 able medium including program instructions for performing the steps of:  
3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates  
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources using the a computer pro-  
5 gram;  
6 using said record retrieval program to enter first information into search fields  
7 provided in said computer program;  
8 entering the execute command using the input device after the step of entering the  
9 first information;  
10 searching, using the computer program, directly the local and remote information  
11 sources for second information associated with the first information;

12           displaying the second information from at least one of the local and remote in-  
13           formation sources, when one of the local and remote information sources includes second  
14           information associated with the first information;  
15           storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-  
16           tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information  
17           sources during said searching step; and  
18           wherein said displaying step, includes,  
19           marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-  
20           tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
21           formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-  
22           formation sources and is consistent,  
23           marking the second information found in the local information source as inconsis-  
24           tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
25           formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information  
26           source or if second information is found in both the local and remote information sources  
27           and is inconsistent, and  
28           displaying the marked second information.

1   32. (NEW) A computerized method for information handling comprising:  
2           providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates  
3           a record retrieval from local and remote information sources using a computer program;  
4           using said computer program to enter first information into search fields provided  
5           in said computer program;  
6           entering the execute command using the input device after the step of entering the  
7           first information;  
8           searching, using the computer program, directly the local and remote information  
9           sources for second information associated with the first information;

10 displaying the second information from at least one of the local and remote in-  
11 formation sources in said computer program, when one of the local and remote informa-  
12 tion sources includes second information associated with the first information; and  
13 wherein said displaying step, includes,  
14 marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-  
15 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
16 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-  
17 formation sources,  
18 marking the second information found in the local information source as inconsis-  
19 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
20 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local information  
21 source, and  
22 displaying the marked second information.  
23 .

1 33. (NEW) A computer readable medium for information handling, the computer  
2 readable medium including program instructions for performing the steps of:  
3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates  
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources using a computer program;  
5 using said computer program to enter first information into search fields provided  
6 in said computer program;  
7 entering the execute command using the input device after the step of entering the  
8 first information;  
9 searching, using the computer program, directly the local and remote information  
10 sources for second information associated with the first information;  
11 displaying the second information from at least one of the local and remote in-  
12 formation sources in said computer program, when one of the local and remote informa-  
13 tion sources includes second information associated with the first information; and  
14 wherein said displaying step, includes,

15            marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-  
16    tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
17    formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-  
18    formation sources,

19            marking the second information found in the local information source as inconsis-  
20    tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-  
21    formation associated with the first information is found in only the local information  
22    source, and

23            displaying the marked second information.